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HIGHLIGHTS

The number of unemployed in New Mexico increased sharply in June, even more than was expected from the summertime entrance of youth into the labor force. This rise continues the gradually worsening unemployment trend in evidence since early in the year, the result of substantial layoffs in petroleum extraction and general weakness in other sectors such as manufacturing, construction, communications and utilities. The U.S. jobless rate in June was 7.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted), up from 7.0 in May.

Nonfarm payroll employment in New Mexico added 3,000 jobs in June, as seasonal expansion occurred in trade, services, and construction. Government reduced employment over the month, primarily due to summer furloughs at public schools and state-supported universities. A labor dispute in communications and summer layoffs of school bus drivers resulted in a sizeable job loss in transportation & public utilities. Mining employment saw very little change during June after five consecutive months of substantial layoffs in oil and gas extraction.

Over the last year, total nonagricultural employment in New Mexico grew by a rather meager 3,900 jobs (0.7%). Moderate growth has occurred in trade and services, with much of the gains centered in general merchandise stores, lodging places, business services, and the perennially expanding eating and drinking places. However, substantial job reductions (5,200 or 25%) have taken place in mining; and smaller reductions have occurred in construction, manufacturing, communications and utilities. Manufacturing jobs were lost in machinery, transportation equipment, and fabricated metal. In communications, the labor dispute this June accounted for approximately one-half of the over-the-year job loss. The remaining job cutbacks were scattered in various large firms in the sector. The electric, gas and sanitary services decrease of 700 since last June was principally by a natural gas producer which cut back employment in the Hobbs and Farmington areas.

JUNE SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Jun. 1986	May 1986	Jun. 1985	May 1986	Jun. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	686,300	674,000	650,900	+12,300	+35,400
Employment	620,000	612,900	590,900	+7,100	+29,100
Unemployment	66,300	61,100	60,000	+5,200	+6,300
Rate	9.7%	9.1%	9.2%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM JUN 1986	REVISED MAY 1986	REVISED JUN 1985	JUN CHANGE FROM MAY 1986	JUN CHANGE FROM JUN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	525,000	522,000	521,100	3,000	3,900
MINING	15,300	15,200	20,500	100	-5,200
Metal Mining	2,300	2,300	3,100	0	-800
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,700	3,600	4,100	100	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	9,300	9,300	13,300	0	-4,000
CONSTRUCTION	38,300	37,100	38,900	1,200	-600
MANUFACTURING	37,200	37,000	37,400	200	-200
DURABLE GOODS	24,200	24,100	24,600	100	-400
Lumber & Wood Products	2,700	2,600	2,600	100	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,500	2,600	2,900	-100	-400
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,600	6,500	6,600	100	0
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Other Durable Goods	8,300	8,300	8,300	0	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	13,000	12,900	12,800	100	200
Food & Kindred Products	4,300	4,200	4,000	100	300
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,300	2,300	100	100
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,400	6,500	-100	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	27,300	28,600	29,200	-1,300	-1,900
TRANSPORTATION	12,000	12,800	12,200	-800	-200
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	6,000	5,900	6,200	100	-200
Other Transportation	3,600	4,500	3,600	-900	0
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,300	15,800	17,000	-500	-1,700
Communication	6,300	6,800	7,300	-500	-1,000
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,000	9,000	9,700	0	-700
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	129,400	126,900	123,500	2,500	5,900
WHOLESALE TRADE	23,200	22,900	23,300	300	-100
Durable Goods	13,800	13,700	13,900	100	-100
Nondurable Goods	9,400	9,200	9,400	200	0
RETAIL TRADE	106,200	104,000	100,200	2,200	6,000
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	5,000	4,900	4,900	100	100
General Merchandise Stores	12,500	12,200	10,900	300	1,600
Food Stores	15,400	15,500	14,600	-100	800
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,200	13,100	13,200	100	0
Apparel & Accessories	5,700	5,600	5,300	100	400
Furniture & Furnishing	4,400	4,300	4,400	100	0
Eating & Drinking Places	38,100	36,700	35,800	1,400	2,300
Miscellaneous Retail	11,900	11,700	11,100	200	800
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,500	26,200	25,900	300	600
Banking	8,300	8,200	8,400	100	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	2,800	2,700	100	200
Real Estate	6,500	6,400	6,200	100	300
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,500	5,500	5,200	0	300
SERVICES	119,300	116,200	115,900	3,100	3,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13,000	12,400	11,500	600	1,500
Personal Services	5,700	5,800	5,800	-100	-100
Business Services	27,700	27,400	26,800	300	900
Health Services	27,300	27,200	27,300	100	0
Legal Services	4,200	4,000	3,900	200	300
Educational Services	3,600	4,000	3,500	-400	100
Social Services	7,300	7,200	7,300	100	0
Membership Organizations	7,500	6,100	7,500	1,400	0
Other Services	23,000	22,100	22,300	900	700
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	131,700	134,800	129,800	-3,100	1,900
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	29,900	29,300	30,200	600	-300
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	101,800	105,500	99,600	-3,700	2,200
State Government 2/	44,600	47,400	43,000	-2,800	1,600
Local Government	57,200	58,100	56,600	-900	600

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

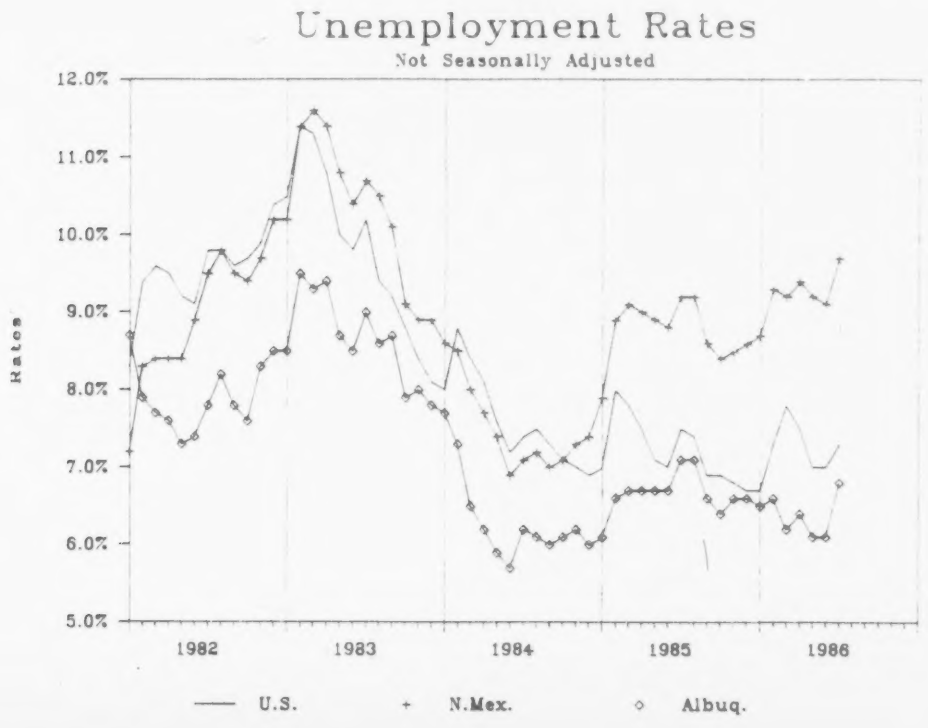
ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

The unemployment rate for the Albuquerque area rose to 6.8 percent in June, up from May's rate of 6.1 percent, according to estimates based largely on the U.S. Department of Labor's monthly household survey. Albuquerque's labor force swelled by 5,200 persons during June, with sizeable increases in both total employment and unemployment. Much of this expansion was caused by the large number of youth seeking work during the school summer vacation.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, derived from a survey of local employers, advanced by 500 jobs from May to June, a change which is very close to normal seasonal expectations. The most substantial job gains were found in the wholesale/retail trade division, which gained more than double the seasonally expected number of jobs. Growth was particularly strong in eating and drinking places and general merchandise stores. Typically strong job growth occurred in the services division, but construction employment increased less than half the normal amount for this time of year. June job losses normally occur in the transportation, communication, & public utilities division, because school bus contractors furlough workers for the summer months; this year, a strike in the communication sector caused a much greater than normal decline. The state government sector sustained its usual June job loss as the university reduced its payroll for the summer period.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment now stands 4,300 jobs higher than in June 1985. Job growth of five percent or greater occurred in several sectors: general merchandise stores, other services, hotels and lodging places, eating and drinking places, membership organizations, and other retail trade. Lower employment levels this year than last year are found in construction and in communication. The decline in communication jobs is mostly because of the strike in that industry, while the drop in construction employment is the continuation of a long-term trend.

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	May 1986	June 1985
Civilian Labor Force	258,600	253,400	242,300	+5,200	+16,300
Employment	241,000	238,000	225,100	+3,000	+15,900
Unemployment	17,600	15,400	17,200	+2,200	+ 400
Rate	6.8%	6.1%	7.1%		



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM JUN 1986	REVISED MAY 1986	REVISED JUN 1985	JUN CHANGE FROM MAY 1986	JUN CHANGE FROM JUN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	224,600	224,100	220,300	500	4,300
MINING	300	300	300	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	18,400	18,200	18,600	200	-200
MANUFACTURING	19,400	19,300	19,200	100	200
Durable Goods	13,800	13,800	13,700	0	100
Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,500	5,500	100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,600	12,100	11,900	-500	-300
Transportation	5,700	5,800	5,500	-100	200
Communication	3,500	3,900	3,900	-400	-400
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58,300	57,300	56,100	1,000	2,200
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,400	14,200	14,300	200	100
Durable Goods	9,600	9,500	9,600	100	0
Nondurable Goods	4,800	4,700	4,700	100	100
RETAIL TRADE	43,900	43,100	41,800	800	2,100
General Merchandise Stores	4,900	4,600	4,600	300	300
Food Stores	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	200
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	16,600	16,200	15,700	400	900
Other Retail Trade	12,700	12,600	12,100	100	600
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,700	13,500	13,400	200	300
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,700	6,500	6,500	200	200
SERVICES	59,500	58,900	57,800	600	1,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,600	3,600	3,400	0	200
Personal Services	3,000	3,100	3,100	-100	-100
Business Services	19,100	19,000	18,900	100	200
Health Services	13,300	13,200	13,000	100	300
Social Services	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Membership Organizations	2,000	1,700	1,900	300	100
Other Services	15,600	15,400	14,700	200	900
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	43,400	44,500	43,000	-1,100	400
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,900	12,800	12,800	100	100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	30,500	31,700	30,200	-1,200	300
State Government	11,400	12,700	11,000	-1,300	400
Local Government	19,100	19,000	19,200	100	-100

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM JUN 1986	REVISED MAY 1986	REVISED JUN 1985	JUN CHANGE FROM MAY 1986	JUN CHANGE FROM JUN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	38,650	39,000	35,600	-350	3,050
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,000	2,900	2,700	100	300
MANUFACTURING	3,150	3,050	3,200	100	-50
Durable Goods	1,350	1,350	1,300	0	50
Nondurable Goods	1,800	1,700	1,900	100	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,300	1,400	1,250	-100	50
Transportation	500	600	400	-100	100
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	800	800	850	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,150	8,000	7,400	150	750
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	850	0	-50
RETAIL TRADE	7,350	7,200	6,550	150	800
General Merchandise Stores	900	900	750	0	150
Food Stores	1,000	1,000	950	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	850	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,200	3,100	2,600	100	600
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,400	1,400	50	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,700	1,650	1,500	50	200
SERVICES	5,550	5,500	4,950	50	600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	650	550	-50	50
Business Services	950	950	850	0	100
Health Services	1,450	1,450	1,250	0	200
Social Services	350	350	300	0	50
Other Services	2,200	2,100	2,000	100	200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	15,800	16,500	14,600	-700	1,200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,800	4,600	4,700	200	100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	11,000	11,900	9,900	-900	1,100
State Government	6,000	6,800	5,000	-800	1,000
Local Government	5,000	5,100	4,900	-100	100

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM JUN 1986	REVISED MAY 1986	REVISED JUN 1985	JUN CHANGE FROM MAY 1986	JUN CHANGE FROM JUN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	51,950	51,250	51,400	700	550
MINING	100	150	150	-50	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,400	3,300	3,600	100	-200
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,550	1,500	50	100
Durable Goods	900	950	900	-50	0
Nondurable Goods	700	600	600	100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,150	1,150	-50	-50
Transportation	400	400	350	0	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	700	750	800	-50	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,150	9,800	9,650	350	500
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	9,450	9,100	8,950	350	500
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	750	0	200
Food Stores	1,250	1,200	1,250	50	0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	950	900	850	50	100
Eating & Drinking Places	3,700	3,500	3,600	200	100
Other Retail Trade	2,600	2,550	2,500	50	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
SERVICES	13,300	13,100	13,450	200	-150
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	2,050	1,950	1,800	100	250
Business Services	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Health Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	5,200	5,100	5,600	100	-400
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	20,300	20,200	19,900	100	400
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,500	1,400	1,600	100	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18,800	18,800	18,300	0	500
State Government 4/	15,000	15,100	14,800	-100	200
Local Government	3,800	3,700	3,500	100	300

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.
2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.
3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.
4/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS
Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	JUN 1986	MAY 1986	JUN 1985	JUN 1986	MAY 1986	JUN 1985	JUN 1986	MAY 1986	JUN 1985
MINING	$499.99	$495.85	$489.91	39.4	39.7	41.1	12.69	12.49	11.92
CONSTRUCTION	$396.03	$399.53	$370.99	36.5	37.2	35.4	10.85	10.74	10.48
MANUFACTURING	$335.12	$344.27	$344.32	39.8	39.8	40.7	8.42	8.65	8.46
Durable Goods	$348.84	$355.04	$353.42	40.8	40.3	41.0	8.55	8.81	8.62
Nondurable Goods	$304.94	$320.44	$322.39	37.6	38.7	39.9	8.11	8.28	8.08
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$485.30	$494.94	$470.42	42.2	43.8	43.0	11.50	11.30	10.94
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$218.08	$217.83	$227.43	32.5	31.8	34.2	6.71	6.85	6.65
Wholesale Trade	$347.33	$383.76	$410.89	40.2	39.4	41.8	8.64	9.74	9.83
Retail Trade	$193.13	$186.05	$188.75	31.0	30.4	32.6	6.23	6.12	5.79
BANKING	$231.15	$211.62	$219.20	40.2	38.9	40.0	5.75	5.44	5.48
ALBUQUERQUE MSA									
MANUFACTURING	U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has been forced to cancel funds for this series due to reductions caused by the Gramm - Rudman - Hollings Balanced Budget Act.								
Durable Goods									
Nondurable Goods									

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Sperry Corporation has won a $13.4 million contract to develop the electronic flight control system for the C-17 airlifter transport plane. At least 80 engineers will be assigned to the project. This initial contract could potentially lead to a $100 million follow-on contract for production of the system for 210 aircraft. Bealls has opened its third Albuquerque store in the Promenade Mall; the new store employs about 35 people. Mead's Fine Bread Bakery has been closed for economic reasons, eliminating the jobs of 60 workers. Construction work has begun on Skyview Center, a $5 million shopping center at Tramway Blvd. and Indian School Road. Mesa Diagnostics, Inc., a medical diagnostic instrumentation business, has moved its operations from Los Alamos to Albuquerque. Mesa currently has 23 employees but expects to employ 50 by the end of this year. The firm plans to begin construction in 1987 of a manufacturing plant that could employ 200 workers. New restaurants recently opened in the Albuquerque area include Luby's Cafeteria at Juan Tabo and Copper, with about 90 employees, The Prairie Star near Bernalillo, with about 40 employees, City Lights Tavern and Grille on North Coors Blvd., Grandy's Restaurant near Central and Washington, and Knickerbockers on Uptown Blvd.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA: Construction activity in the Ruidoso area this spring was substantially less than one year ago, according to city building permit valuation figures. A total of 31 building permits were issued in Ruidoso this May, compared with 78 issued in May 1985. Ruidoso's 1986 year-to-date building permit valuation of $6.3 million is more than two million dollars behind 1985's end-of-May total of $8.4 million.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: Westinghouse and the U.S. Dept. of Energy are planning to award the contract within the next several weeks for a local facility to assemble the first containers for transporting transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. Once assembly is in progress early next year, total employment at the facility is expected to be in the 40-60 range.

ESPANOLA AREA: A $3.8 million contract for construction of 67 turn-key housing units on the Jicarilla Apache reservation has been awarded to Bradley Construction Company. Work has already begun, and the project should employ 30 to 40 people at the peak of construction.

FARMINGTON AREA: Amoco Production Company has reduced its Farmington work force by 23 employees as part of a company-wide reduction-in-force. San Juan Regional Medical Center has laid off nine employees in anticipation of declining patient revenue.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: A new Wal-Mart store has opened in Gallup with about 150 employees. Carbon Coal Company has announced the indefinite layoff of about 70 workers because of lack of demand for coal by its sole customer, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative. The Arizona utility has switched from coal to fuel oil because of the currently low price of oil. The owner of the Holiday Inn of Gallup has announced plans to spend from $3.5 million to $4.0 million to add a 600-seat convention center and 46 new guest units, as well as other amenities, to the facility. Bagdad Plastics Company of Grants has rehired all workers who had been on temporary layoff status since mid-May. Construction of the new National Guard Armory, a $942,000 project, has begun in Gallup.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: A local group has applied to the state Racing Commission for a license to establish a $13.7 million horse racing facility north of Hobbs. A racing facility of that size usually directly employs several hundred workers, and significant additional employment opportunities would be provided by horse owners and trainers. Recent statistics on oil drilling in the Permian Basin continue to indicate a substantial slowdown in activity. As of the second week in July, 73 rigs were in operation, compared with 269 working rigs one year ago. Area businesses laying off workers in July included Llano, Inc. with 20 layoffs; Amoco Oil Co. with 18, and Interstate Bank, with 15.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Work is underway on a $2 million, 28,000-square-foot office-retail-warehouse project in Santa Teresa, south of Las Cruces. The project, The Business Park, is being developed by an investor group headed by El Pasoan Paul Weber. The new business park is expected to be completed by mid-September. A $2 million flour mill employing about 12 workers is expected to be in operation by April 1987 in the village of Rincon, north of Las Cruces, according to the business developers. The Dona Ana Specialty Flour Milling Co. will have the capacity of processing 15,000 tons of locally grown wheat per year.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Pan Am World Services has offered jobs to more than ninety percent of the nearly 400 former Zia Company workers who submitted applications to them, according to Pan Am officials. Pan Am took over the Los Alamos National Laboratory support services contract from The Zia Company on July 1.

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Additional Information on State Government Employment

Number of Classified State Govt. Workers

June 1986	15,192
May 1986	15,144
June 1985	15,369

These figures include classified employees working for classified agencies of the executive branch of state government. This information is furnished by the New Mexico State Personnel Office.

U.S.CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
June 1986

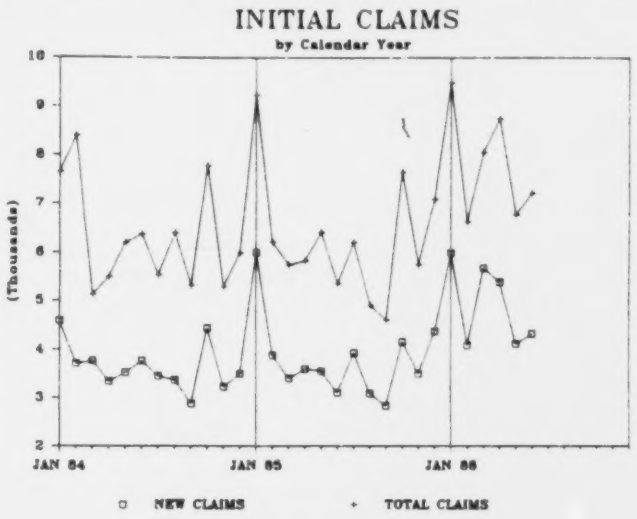
CPI-U - 327.9
CPI-W - 323.0

(Base Year 1967 = 100)

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

UI QUARTERLY REVIEW 1/

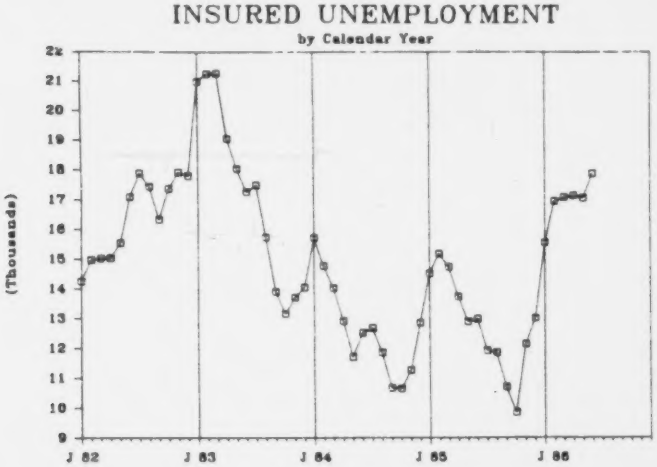
New claims filed under the New Mexico Unemployment Compensation program fell almost 12 percent during the June quarter from levels experienced during the prior three month period. Most of this decline can be attributed to the onset of warmer weather spurring a new round of business activity in the Agriculture and Construction industries. Also, fewer claims were filed against employers in the Mining industry in Eddy and San Juan counties, and in the Wholesale Trade, Manufacturing, and Retail Trade industries statewide.



New claims filed against the Mining industry posted an overall 2.9 percent increase due primarily to continued layoffs in the oil and gas industry in Lea County, and in the coal production subsector in Colfax County.

The Transportation industry noted a substantial rise of 27.7 percent in New claims centered primarily in the local transit subsector. This is a normal occurrence during the second quarter and is directly attributable to the ending of the school term.

Employers in the Service sector of the New Mexico economy experienced a rise of almost twenty-five percent in New claims over the quarter. Most of these layoffs occurred in the Health, Social, Business, and Educational Services subsectors in Chaves, Dona Ana, Lea, and San Juan counties. Mc Kinley County posted a rise in claims from the Membership Organization subsector and Taos County noted a large increase from the Lodging and Amusement and Recreation industries following the end of the skiing season.



The Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) rose to 3.8 percent in June, from 3.6 percent reported for March 1986. During the week ending June 14, there were 17,900 people certifying for unemployment insurance, representing 27 percent of the estimated 66,300 total unemployed reported for June 1986. Though most of the counties reported declines in the number of insured unemployed during the quarter, this was more than offset by huge increases in Lea, San Juan, and Taos counties. Statewide, the number of insured unemployed increased by 12.2 percent during the April-June period.

1/ From the **UI QUARTERLY REVIEW**, June 1986. Copies of this quarterly report, which includes detailed information on claims, insured unemployment, benefit payments, Trust Fund adequacy, and claimant characteristics, is available from NMESD, ER & A, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, NM 87103, or by calling (505) 841-8697.

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY JUNE 1986				REVISED MAY 1986				REVISED JUNE 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	686,308	620,005	66,303	9.7%	673,931	612,881	61,050	9.1%	650,906	590,923	59,983	9.2%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	258,607	240,974	17,633	6.8%	253,359	237,996	15,363	6.1%	242,243	225,062	17,181	7.1%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	56,289	51,800	4,489	8.0%	55,884	51,736	4,148	7.4%	49,882	45,042	4,840	9.7%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	64,354	60,897	3,457	5.4%	63,072	59,921	3,151	5.0%	60,653	57,299	3,354	5.5%
Catron	1,109	1,000	109	9.8%	1,093	983	110	10.1%	1,055	916	139	13.2%
Chaves	23,879	21,706	2,173	9.1%	23,379	21,278	2,101	9.0%	23,623	21,591	2,032	8.6%
Cibola	9,035	7,180	1,855	20.5%	8,870	7,242	1,628	18.4%	8,802	6,509	2,293	26.1%
Colfax	7,860	6,891	969	12.3%	7,141	6,069	1,072	15.0%	7,575	6,942	633	8.4%
Curry	17,164	16,061	1,103	6.4%	17,204	16,029	1,175	6.8%	16,270	15,068	1,202	7.4%
De Baca	935	852	83	8.9%	928	837	91	9.8%	924	827	97	10.5%
Eddy	23,009	19,722	3,287	14.3%	22,943	19,835	3,108	13.5%	22,267	19,623	2,644	11.9%
Grant	10,143	8,992	1,151	11.3%	9,860	8,806	1,054	10.7%	10,120	8,689	1,431	14.1%
Guadalupe	1,684	1,468	216	12.8%	1,658	1,455	203	12.2%	1,664	1,433	231	13.9%
Harding	519	468	51	9.8%	491	436	55	11.2%	562	518	44	7.8%
Hidalgo	2,441	2,297	144	5.9%	2,405	2,275	130	5.4%	2,476	2,230	246	9.9%
Lea	25,945	21,970	3,975	15.3%	25,758	22,118	3,640	14.1%	26,601	24,825	1,776	6.7%
Lincoln	8,329	7,831	498	6.0%	8,331	7,817	514	6.2%	8,219	7,727	492	6.0%
Luna	5,697	4,781	916	16.1%	5,575	4,743	832	14.9%	5,435	4,494	941	17.3%
McKinley	17,825	15,488	2,337	13.1%	17,255	15,211	2,044	11.8%	17,312	14,981	2,331	13.5%
Mora	1,448	946	502	34.7%	1,454	951	503	34.6%	1,377	1,020	357	25.9%
Otero	17,662	16,244	1,418	8.0%	17,812	16,393	1,419	8.0%	16,674	15,241	1,433	8.6%
Quay	4,681	4,252	429	9.2%	4,646	4,230	416	9.0%	4,593	4,131	462	10.1%
Rio Arriba	13,001	10,260	2,741	21.1%	12,561	9,903	2,658	21.2%	13,464	11,129	2,335	17.3%
Roosevelt	7,166	6,778	388	5.4%	7,123	6,731	392	5.5%	6,818	6,425	393	5.8%
Sandoval	22,458	20,494	1,964	8.7%	21,681	20,012	1,669	7.7%	21,152	19,362	1,790	8.5%
San Juan	36,352	29,364	6,988	19.2%	35,378	29,206	6,172	17.4%	35,095	29,951	5,144	14.7%
San Miguel	9,837	8,518	1,319	13.4%	10,216	8,894	1,322	12.9%	9,439	8,092	1,347	14.3%
Sierra	2,424	2,258	166	6.8%	2,395	2,218	177	7.4%	2,297	2,095	202	8.8%
Socorro	5,761	5,215	546	9.5%	5,643	5,178	465	8.2%	5,194	4,782	412	7.9%
Taos	10,882	7,615	3,267	30.0%	10,551	7,071	3,480	33.0%	10,724	8,454	2,270	21.2%
Torrance	3,267	2,873	394	12.1%	3,136	2,758	378	12.1%	3,192	2,849	343	10.7%
Union	2,269	2,065	204	9.0%	2,122	1,947	175	8.2%	2,166	2,015	151	7.0%
Valencia	14,276	12,745	1,531	10.7%	14,007	12,602	1,405	10.0%	13,038	11,601	1,437	11.0%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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Construction work has begun on a $17 million, 57,400-square-foot building to be used for Strategic Defense Initiative-related research; construction of the facility is expected to take about four years. A $3.5 million contract has been awarded to Gardner-Zemke Company of Albuquerque to construct a 14,300-square-foot office and laboratory for radiochemical diagnostics work.

RATON / CLAYTON AREA: Borrego Construction Company of Santa Fe has begun building the new $952,200 National Guard Armory in Raton. Two downtown Raton retail stores, J.C.Penney, with ten employees, and DiLisio's Department Store, with seven employees, have announced they will soon go out of business.

ROSWELL AREA: Boeing Aircraft Co. brought in approximately 60 workers to the Roswell Industrial Air Center for a two-week period in late July for testing of new Boeing 767 aircraft.

SANTA FE AREA: J. C. Penney has moved its store from De Vargas Mall to Villa Linda Mall; the new larger store permitted the hiring of 35 new employees in addition to the 55 previously employed in the former location. The 36-room Inn on the Alameda has opened at the corner of Alameda and Paseo de Peralta. Building permits have been issued for a new K-Bobs restaurant on Cerrillos Road and for the $2.9 million, 182-unit San Rafael Apartments complex on Zepal Road.

SILVER CITY AREA: A contract which calls for a 23 percent cut in wages and benefits was approved by Kennecott Corp. workers. Two local developers, Rex Kipp and Jim Worthan, are planning to build a $2.3 million motel / restaurant complex in Silver City. The developers expect construction to begin on the new facility within six months.

TAOS / ANGEL FIRE AREA: Plans are well underway to build the $8 million, 181-room Don Fernando Hotel on Paseo Sur in Taos; construction is expected to begin this fall and be complete by the summer of 1987. Taos County employees' hours and pay have been reduced 20 percent because of a county revenue shortfall. Angel Fire Corp. is planning extensive new developments which include purchase and installation of $2.4 million of snowmaking equipment and three new residential subdivisions on the mountain adjacent to the ski slopes.

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